### PASSING

PASSING			
Passer Rating	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
(224 attempts)	50 rating or less	100%	
•	51.00 - 75.00	66%	
	76.00 - 90.00	50%	
	90.00 - 100.00	33%	
	100.01 or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	50.00 or less	100%	
	51.00 - 75.00	66%	
	76.00 - 90.00	25%	
	90.01 or more	0%	
Completion Percentage	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
(224 attempts)	Up to 52%	100%	
1	52.1 - 56%	66%	
	56.1 - 59%	33%	
	59.01% or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	Up to 52%	100%	
	52.1 - 56%	50%	
	56.1 - 59%	25%	
	59.01% or more	0%	
Interception Percentage	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
(224 attempts)	3.0% or more	100%	
	2.7 - 2.9%	66%	
	2.1 - 2.6%	33%	
	2.0% or less	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	3.0% or more	100%	
	2.7 - 2.9%	50%	
	2.1 - 2.6%	25%	
	2.0% or less	0%	

Total Yards	ROUNDS 1 - 3	
Passing	Up to 500 yards	100%
	501 - 700 yards	75%
	701 - 900 yards	50%
	901 - 1,600 yards	25%
	1,601 yards or more	0%
	ALL OTHERS	
	Up to 400 yards	100%
	401 - 600 yards	75%
	601 - 800 yards	50%
	801 - 1,200 yards	25%
	1,201 yards or more	0%
Yards Per Pass	ROUNDS 1 - 3	
(224 attempts)	Under 6	100%
	6.0 - 7	66%
	7.1 - 8	33%
	8.1 - 9	10%
	9.1 or more	0%
	ALL OTHERS	
	Under 6	100%
	6.0 - 7	50%
	7.1 - 8	25%
	8.1 - 9	10%
	9.1 or more	0%
Touchdown Passes	ROUNDS 1 - 3	
	Under 11	100%
	12 - 16	66%
	17 - 23	33%
	24 - 29	10%
	30 or more	0%
	ALL OTHERS	
	Under 11	100%
	12 - 16	50%
	17 - 23	25%
	24 - 29	10%
	30 or more	0%

### RECEIVING

RECEIVING			
Total Receptions	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
	Up to 20 catches	100%	
	21 - 30 catches	75%	
	31 - 35 catches	50%	
	36 - 40 catches	25%	
	41 catches or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	Up to 10 catches	100%	
	11 - 35 catches	50%	
	36 - 40 catches	25%	
	41 catches or more	0%	
Total Yards Receiving	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
	Up to 200 yards	100%	
	201 - 300 yards	75%	
	301 - 400 yards	50%	
	401 - 800 yards	25%	
	801 yards or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	Up to 150 yards	100%	
	151 - 250 yards	75%	
	251 - 350 yards	50%	
	351 - 700 yards	25%	
	701 yards or more	0%	
Average Yards	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
(32 receptions)	Up to 11.5	100%	
	11.6 - 14.5	75%	
	14.6 - 16.5	50%	
	16.6 - 18.5	25%	
	18.6 or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	Up to 11.5	100%	
	11.6 - 14.5	66%	
	14.6 - 16.5	33%	
	16.6 - 18.5	10%	
	18.6 or more	0%	

Receiving Touchdowns	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
	Up to 4	100%	
	5 - 7	66%	
	8 - 11	33%	
	12 or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	Up to 4	100%	
	5 - 7	50%	
	8 - 11	25%	
	12 or more	0%	
TOTAL OFFENSE			
Total Yards	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
	Up to 500 yards	100%	
	501 - 700 yards	75%	
	701 - 900 yards	50%	
	901 - 1,600 yards	25%	
	1,601 yards or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	Up to 400 yards	100%	
	401 - 600 yards	75%	
	601 - 800 yards	50%	
	801 - 1,200 yards	10%	
	1,201 yards or more	0%	
Scoring	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
	2 - 28 points	100%	
	29 - 65 points	50%	
	66 - 75 points	25%	
	76 points or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	2 - 28 points	100%	
	29 - 55 points	50%	
	56 - 75 points	10%	
	76 points or more	0%	

### DEFENSE

ROUNDS 1 - 3		
1 - 5	100%	
6 - 10	50%	
11 or more	0%	
ALL OTHERS		
1 - 3	100%	
4 - 6	33%	
7 or more	0%	
ROUNDS 1 - 3		
0 - 85	100%	
86 - 150	66%	
	33%	
	100%	
	0%	
ALL		
1	100%	
2	50%	
3 or more	0%	
ALL		
1 - 2	100%	
3 - 4	50%	
5 or more	0%	
ROUNDS 1 - 3		
0 - 40	100%	
41 - 65	66%	
66 - 80	33%	
81 or more	0%	
ALL OTHERS		
0 - 30	100%	
31 - 55	50%	
56 - 75	25%	
76 or more	0%	
	1 - 5 6 - 10 11 or more ALL OTHERS 1 - 3 4 - 6 7 or more  ROUNDS 1 - 3 0 - 85 86 - 150 151 - 190 191 or more ALL OTHERS 0 - 65 66 - 85 86 - 110 111 or more  ALL 1 2 3 or more  ALL 1 2 3 or more  ROUNDS 1 - 3 0 - 40 41 - 65 66 - 80 81 or more ALL OTHERS 0 - 30 31 - 55 56 - 75	1 - 5

Touchdowns On	ALI.		
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Opponent Fumble	1	100%	
Returns	2	50%	
	3 or more	0%	
Sacks	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
	.5 - 4 sacks	100%	
	4.5 - 6 sacks	50%	
	6.5 - 8 sacks	25%	
	8.5 sacks or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	.5 - 3 sacks	100%	
	3.5 - 6 sacks	50%	
	6.5 - 8 sacks	25%	
	8.5 sacks or more	0%	
PUNT RETURNS			
Total Yards	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	0 - 224	100%	
	225 - 349	33%	
	350 or more	0%	
Average (20 returns)	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	0 - 7.9	100%	
	8.0 - 10.9	33%	
	11.0 or more	0%	
Touchdowns	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	1	33%	
	2 or more	0%	

### KICKOFF RETURNS

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Total Yards	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	0 - 599	100%	
	600 - 649	33%	
	650 or more	0%	
Average	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
(20 returns)	ALL OTHERS		
	0 - 19.9	100%	
	20.0 - 21.9	33%	
	22.0 or more	0%	
Touchdowns	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	1	33%	
	2 or more	0%	
PUNTING			
Gross Average	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
(40 punts)	ALL OTHERS		
	0 - 42.4	100%	
	42.5 - 43.9	33%	
	44.0 or more	0%	
Net Average	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
(40 punts)	ALL OTHERS		
-	0 - 35.9	100%	
	36.0 - 37.9	33%	
	38.0 or more	0%	
Inside 20-yard line	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
morae ze jara mie	ALL OTHERS		
	0 - 19	100%	
	20 - 23	33%	
	24 or more	0%	

### **PLACEKICKING**

PLACERICKING			
Total Points	ROUNDS 1 - 3		
	Up to 86 points	100%	
	87 - 95 points	75%	
	96 - 104 points	50%	
	105 - 113 points	10%	
	114 points or more	0%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	Up to 75 points	100%	
	76 - 90 points	66%	
	91 - 99 points	33%	
	100 - 109 points	10%	
	110 points or more	0%	
Field Goals	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
	ALL OTHERS		
	0 - 19	100%	
	20 - 26	33%	
	27 or more	0%	
Field Goal Percentage	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
(16 attempts)	ALL OTHERS		
	0 - 75%	100%	
	75.1 - 80%	33%	
	80.1 - 100%	0%	
Field Goal Percentage 0-19 yards (4 attempts)	ALL	100%	
Field Goal Percentage	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
20 - 29 yards	ALL OTHERS		
(4 attempts)	0 - 85%	100%	
	85.1 - 95%	33%	
	95.1 - 100%	0%	
Field Goal Percentage	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%	
30 - 39 yards	ALL OTHERS		
(4 attempts)	0 - 70%	100%	
-	70.1 - 90%	33%	
	90.1 - 100%	0%	

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# (EXHIBIT C) ROOKIE "LIKELY TO BE EARNED" INCENTIVES

Field Goal Percentage 40 - 49 yards	ROUNDS 1 - 3 ALL OTHER	100%
(4 attempts)	0 - 55%	100%
•	55.1 - 70%	33%
	70.1 - 100%	0%
Field Goal Percentage	ROUNDS 1 - 3	100%
50 yards or longer	ALL OTHERS	
(3 attempts)	0 - 45%	100%
	45.1 - 60%	33%
	60.1 - 100%	0%

### (EXHIBIT D) HONORS AND RECOGNIZED MEDIA

#### **VETERAN HONORS**

PRO BOWL

1ST & 2ND ALL NFL

1ST & 2ND ALL CONFERENCE

SUPER BOWL MVP (ROZELLE TROPHY)

MVP — NFL

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR — NFL OR CONF

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR — NFL OR CONF

PLAYER OF YEAR — NFL OR CONF

#### VETERAN MEDIA

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRO FOOTBALL WEEKLY

PRO FOOTBALL WRITERS OF AMERICA

SPORTING NEWS

FOOTBALL NEWS

FOOTBALL DIGEST

USA TODAY

COLLEGE & PRO FOOTBALL WEEKLY

### ROOKIE HONORS (FIRST OR SECOND TEAM)\*

#### **ROUNDS 1-2**

ALL ROOKIE

ALL NFL, PRO BOWL

ALL CONFERENCE

#### **ALL OTHERS**

ALL-ROOKIE

ALL CONFERENCE

### ALL

ROOKIE OF YEAR — NFL OR CONF

ROOKIE OF YEAR — OFFENSE — NFL

ROOKIE OF YEAR — DEFENSE — NFL

#### ROOKIE MEDIA

ASSOCIATED PRESS PRO FOOTBALL WEEKLY PRO FOOTBALL WRITERS OF AMERICA SPORTING NEWS

<sup>\*</sup> See Exhibit C for Rookie Honors percentages

- (ix) The following is a non-exclusive list of rules that apply to incentives for Rookies:
- (1) If the incentive is written for leading the Club in any official League statistical category (assuming it is on Exhibit A or B), it shall be valued at 0%:
  - (2) Rookie incentives shall be valued at 100%, for:
- (A) Any incentive written for any ranking other than first on the Club in any official League statistical category;
- (B) Any team statistic or team unit statistic, if the statistic was achieved in the prior season (based on prior season's performance);
- (C) Any incentives within the sole control of the player (e.g., non-guaranteed reporting bonuses, workouts, weight clauses, etc.);
  - (D) Any relocation or completion bonus;
- (E) Any incentive not measured by official NFL statistics (i.e., hurries, tackles and assists) or incentives based on subjective standards;
  - (F) Any guaranteed salary or bonus;
  - (G) Any pre-season or off-season statistics;
- (H) Any incentive based upon another player's performance; and
- (I) Any incentives based on leading the team in punting/kicking.
- (3) If the incentive is written for leading the team in kick returns or punt returns, and the player qualifies under the minimum standard established by the League for those statistical categories, then the following percentages shall be counted:

ROUNDS 1 - 3 100% ROUNDS 4 - 5 33% ROUNDS 6 - 8 10% ALL OTHERS 0%

- (4) If a Rookie has an incentive bonus for touchdowns, the rushing and receiving touchdowns likely to be earned levels will apply to value the incentive;
- (5) If a Rookie non-kicker has a Total Points incentive, the total points likely to be earned levels for a rookie kicker will apply to value the incentive
- (6) For Rookies, each component of non-cumulative incentives is calculated individually, and only the highest component amount is counted. For example, an incentive clause for a first-round running back that provides for \$10,000 for up to 150 yards or \$20,000 for 151-350 yards is counted as \$15,000. (This amount is arrived at by taking the greater of 100% of \$10,000 or 75% of \$20,000, which equals \$15,000. Only the higher component amount of \$15,000 is counted).
  - (x) [Omitted]
  - (xi) Any team performance-related incentive will be revalued under

the "likely to be earned" rules if the contract is assigned to a new Team through trade or waiver.

- (xii) Any renegotiated contract will be revalued at the time of the renegotiation. Thus, if at the time of the renegotiation, the conditions for an incentive bonus have already been satisfied, that bonus will be deemed "likely to be earned." Any new or altered incentive bonuses renegotiated in a preexisting contract after the start of the regular season in which they may be earned automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned" during that season.
- (xiii) Other than as set forth in Subsection (xiv) below, any incentive bonus to an offensive player that is based upon the defensive team's or special team's performance automatically will be deemed "likely to be eamed." Conversely, any incentive bonus to a defensive player that is based upon the offensive team's or special team's performance automatically will be deemed "likely to be eamed." Any incentive bonus based upon another player's performance automatically will be deemed "likely to be eamed."
- (xiv) Any incentive bonus in a contract signed by a Rookie that is based upon special team performance automatically will be deemed "likely to be eamed," except for an incentive bonus to a Rookie kicker or Rookie punter that is based upon improvement in the performance of the kicking or punting team. Any incentive bonus to a player who is not a Rookie that is based upon special team performance automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned" unless the player played in at least 50% of his team's special team plays in the previous season.
- (xv) Any incentive bonus based on the team's performance automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned" if it sets a minimum level of statistical performance that is equal to or lower than that achieved by the team finishing fifth from the bottom in the League in the applicable category during the previous season. For example, an incentive bonus based on a team winning at least a specified number of games will be evaluated by determining whether this number of wins was equal to or lower than that achieved by the team that was fifth from the bottom of the League in wins during the previous season. Conversely, any incentive bonus based on the team's performance automatically will be deemed "not likely to be earned" if it sets a minimum level of statistical performance that is equal to or higher than that achieved by the team finishing fifth from the top of the League in the applicable category during the previous season.
- (xvi) Any incentive bonus that is based upon the team achieving a particular ranking in its performance relative either to other teams in the League, or to other teams in its Conference, automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned" if it sets a ranking level equal to or lower than fifth from the bottom of the League or third from the bottom of the Conference, respectively. For example, an incentive bonus that is based on a team finishing 28th in the League in total offense will be deemed "likely to be earned" in a League consisting of 32 teams; similarly, an incentive bonus based on

a team finishing 14th in its Conference will be deemed "likely to be earned" in a Conference consisting of 16 teams. Conversely, any incentive bonus that is based upon the team achieving a particular ranking in its performance relative either to other teams in the League, or to other teams in its Conference, automatically will be deemed "not likely to be earned" if it sets a ranking level equal to or higher than fifth from the top of the League or third from the top of the Conference, respectively.

(xvii) Any incentive bonus based on the team's ranking in its Division automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned."

(xviii) In any Player Contract signed by a Rookie, if more than three (3) different team performance categories are included as incentives, all but the three (3) incentives with the lowest dollar value automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned." For Player Contracts signed by Rookies selected in rounds one and two of the NFL draft, any team performance bonus automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned" unless coupled with a playtime requirement of at least 35% of the plays for any team incentives that apply in the first year of any Rookie contract, and at least 45% of the plays for any team incentives that apply in any subsequent year of such a contract. For Player Contracts signed by all other Rookies, a team performance bonus automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned" unless coupled with a playtime requirement of at least 15% of the plays for any team incentives that apply in the first year of any Rookie contract, and at least 30% of the plays for any team incentives that apply in any subsequent year of such a contract. The provisions of this paragraph supplement and do not override Subsection (ix)(2)(B) above. The calculation of these playtime requirements shall exclude special teams plays.

(xix) In any Player Contract signed by a player other than a Rookie, if more than three (3) different team performance categories are included as incentives, covering the Final Capped Year or thereafter, all but the three (3) incentives with the lowest dollar value automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned." In addition, any team performance bonus for a player other than a Rookie covering the Final Capped Year or thereafter automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned" unless coupled with a playtime requirement equal to or greater than the player's actual playtime during the year prior to the execution of the new Player Contract. If the latter requirement is satisfied, a determination of whether the incentive is "likely to be earned" will be made pursuant to Article XXIV, Section 7(c)(i). The calculation of these playtime requirements shall exclude special teams plays.

(xx) Any incentive bonus that is stated in terms of a per play or per game occurrence automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned" to the extent the specified performance was achieved by the player (if an individual incentive) or by the team (if a team incentive) in the previous year. For Rookies, it will be based on 75% of the team leader on the Rookie's team in the specified performance category in the previous year. If not initially counted as "likely to be earned," such incentives shall be counted immediately towards the Salary Cap and Entering Player Pool when they are

(xxi) Any incentive bonus to a kicker or punter for leading his team in any kicking or punting category automatically will be deemed "likely to be eamed." In a Player Contract signed by a Rookie quarterback who was drafted in the first round, any incentive bonus for leading his team in any quarterback category in his third NFL season or thereafter automatically will be deemed "likely to be eamed." In a Player Contract signed by a Rookie running back who was drafted in the first round, any incentive bonus for leading his team in any running back category automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned." The provisions of this paragraph shall apply notwithstanding Subsections (ix)(1) and (ix)(2)(A) above.

(xxii) Any portion of an incentive bonus that is earned, but which had not been deemed likely to be earned at 100 percent of its value, will be deemed earned at the end of the season and not immediately upon attainment of the required performance level, except: (1) as provided in Subsection (xx) above in regards to per play or per game occurrences; (2) if the incentive bonus is actually paid before the end of the season, in which case it will count when paid; (3) if a player leaves the team's roster prior to the end of the season and the conditions of the incentive clause are satisfied prior to leaving, in which case the entire value of the earned bonus will count immediately; or (4) if the contract is renegotiated and the incentive has been earned prior to such renegotiation.

(xxiii) Any incentive bonus which a player and a Club agree to that: (i) depends upon performance in any category not identified in Exhibit A or Exhibit B; and (ii) is stated in terms of per play, per event or per game, or for leading or any ranking on the Club in any such category; shall be prohibited

(xxiv) Any roster bonus which is deemed not "likely to be earned" based upon the player's performance during the prior year shall immediately be included in Team Salary when earned. Pre-season roster bonuses are automatically deemed "likely to be earned."

(xxv) Any incentive bonus (or portion thereof) that is earned during the Final Capped Year, but which had not been deemed likely to be earned at 100 percent of its value during that League Year, will be deemed earned and counted against the Salary Cap immediately upon attainment of the required performance level. Conversely, any incentive bonus (or portion thereof) that had been deemed likely to be earned during the Final Capped Year will be immediately credited toward the Salary Cap if the required performance level should, during the course of the Final Capped Year, become impossible for the player to attain.

(xxvi) To determine the value of an incentive clause for Salary Cap purposes, under either Subsection (xxii) or (xxv) above, such incentive clauses will be valued using the Club's performance in the prior season in lieu of the Club's current season performance. Thus, for example, if a Club had

1,000 offensive plays "last season," and an incentive clause were tied to a player's participating in 50 percent of the Club's offensive plays "this season," the incentive would be deemed earned, for Salary Cap purposes only, as of the time the player participated in 500 offensive plays. Similarly, such an incentive would be deemed not earned, for Salary Cap purposes only, as of the time the player had not participated in a sufficient number of offensive plays so that the player could not achieve the incentive based on last year's performance (e.g., had participated in only one of the Club's 502 offensive plays). Nothing herein, however, shall affect the player's contractual right to receive or not receive the specified incentive, based upon the performance level actually achieved during that year.

(xxvii) If more than eight (8) different team performance categories are included in a Player Contract signed by a Veteran as incentives, all but the eight (8) incentives with the lowest dollar value automatically will be deemed "likely to be earned." For purposes of this paragraph, each conjunctive combination of performance categories shall be counted as one performance category (e.g., an incentive clause reading, "if A and B and C, then player will receive \$X," shall be counted as one performance category), and each disjunctive combination of performance categories shall be counted by the number of disjunctive performance categories in the combination (e.g., an incentive clause reading, "if A or B or C, then player will receive \$X", shall be counted as three (3) performance categories). In addition, any of the disjunctive performance categories may itself be a conjunctive combination of performance categories (e.g., the "A" in the immediately preceding example may be a conjunctive combination of numerous performance categories, and would be counted as being one category because of its conjunctive nature).

(xxviii) Subsection (xxvii) above, does not supersede the terms of any other provisions or other agreements between the parties that automatically deem certain performance incentives to be "likely to be earned" or "not likely to be earned" depending upon whether the incentive fulfills other specified criteria.

(xxix) Subsections (xxvii) and (xxviii) above, do not apply and the parties reserve their rights with respect to multiyear contracts containing team performance incentives in more than one year.

- **Guaranteed Contracts.** Any portion of Salary for which a Team fully guarantees payment for skill or injury shall be included in Team Salary during the year earned, except that:
- In a Player Contract entered into in a Capped Year, Salary fully guaranteed for League Years after the Final Capped Year will be included in Team Salary for the preceding League Years in which the Salary Cap is in effect, in any manner the Team chooses, if payment of the player's entire Salary for the Final Capped Year is not fully guaranteed. For example, without limitation on any other applicable example, and if the Salary Cap is in effect during the 2010 and 2011 League Years, and the player enters into a

four-year contract which is not fully guaranteed for the 2011 League Year, which is the Final Capped Year, but is fully guaranteed for the 2012 and 2013 League Years, which are Uncapped Years, then the full amount of the guaranteed Salary for the 2012 and 2013 League Years will be included in Salary and Team Salary for the 2010 and 2011 League Years in a proportion determined by the Team.

- (ii) In a Player Contract entered into in a Capped Year, 50% of the Salary fully guaranteed for any League Year beyond three (3) years after the Final Capped Year will be included in Salary and Team Salary during the League Year or Years of the Contract in which the Salary Cap is in effect in a proportion to be determined by the Team.
- (iii) Any portion of Salary fully guaranteed for any period after a player is released shall be immediately included in Team Salary at the time of his release at the present value rate determined in accordance with the one-year Treasury Note rate published in *The Wall Street Journal* of February 1 of the League Year of the player's release. In such event, the player shall have the option of being paid such guaranteed amount immediately at the present value rate or under the original schedule provided in the contract. To the extent that such payment puts the Team over its Salary Cap, the rule set forth in Subsection 7(b)(ii)(1) above, shall apply.
- (iv) If any Player Contract entered into in a Capped Year provides for yearly Salary in a sequence that, in the Final Capped Year or later, is fully guaranteed, unguaranteed, and then fully guaranteed, the amount fully guaranteed after the first such unguaranteed year will be allocated over the Capped Years in any manner the Team desires.
- (v) For purposes of valuing the Salary of a player under the Salary Cap, any portion of such Salary for which a Team guarantees payment shall immediately be included in Team Salary during the year earned, subject only to the exceptions contained in Subsections 7(d)(i)-(iv) above.

#### (e) Other Amounts.

- (i) **Loans.** The principal amount of any loan made, guaranteed, or collateralized by a Team or its Team Affiliate to a player shall be included in Team Salary. However, when a player pays back any portion of the principal amount of any such loan, such amount will be added to the Team's Salary Cap to the extent previously included in Team Salary.
- (ii) A fraudulent agreement pursuant to which the player and the Club claim that the player has received a "loan" from the Club, when in fact there is no bona fide loan and the player is merely holding the money for the Club so that he can purport to "repay" the Club during a subsequent Capped Year (and thereby transfer a credit to the Club's Salary Cap for that year), constitutes an improper circumvention of the Salary Cap and/or Entering Player Pool, in violation of Subsection 7(e)(i) above.
- (iii) **Salary Advances**. Except as provided in Subsection 7(b)(iv) above, the full amount of any Salary advance paid to a player will be included immediately in Salary and Team Salary.

#### (iv) Non-Cash Provisions.

- The fair market value of all non-cash provisions (e.g., automobiles, houses, insurance policies) shall be included in Team Salary during the year in which such provision is made. If the parties cannot agree on the fair market value of such provisions, such dispute will be submitted to the Impartial Arbitrator.
- (2) Any tangible item of value provided to unsigned players (or their affiliates) recruited by Clubs will be included in Salary. Reasonable travel cost, lodging and entertainment, incurred in connection with recruiting an unsigned player (or his affiliate) at a Club facility or Club geographic area will not be included in Team Salary or Benefits. Miscellaneous costs associated with recruiting unsigned players but not paid to players (or their affiliates) are not included as part of Salary or Benefits, except as set forth above.
- (3)Expenses for travel, board and lodging for a player participating in an off-season workout program or classroom instruction shall not be included in Salary or Team Salary, so long as such expenses are reasonable and customary and generally offered to all players by that club. See Section 1(b)(vi) above (including such expenses in Player Costs as Benefits). Any such expenses in excess of reasonable and customary levels, or not generally offered to all players by that Club, shall immediately be included in Salary and Team Salary.
- (4) The voluntary provision to all players on a Club of meals, team apparel, or one team trip for celebrations in each League Year (plus any trips to the White House for the Super Bowl Champions) will not be included in Team Salary or Player Costs. This Subsection does not affect the treatment of consideration paid to a player for services other than football playing services, as provided in Section 1(c)(ii) above.
- Except as provided in Subsections 7(e)(iv)(2)-(4) above, and Article XVII, Section 4(n) (concerning Rookie Orientation Programs), if any money or tangible item of value is provided by any Club to any player (or his affiliate) not pursuant to the CBA or a Player Contract, the value of the money or item shall immediately be included in Salary and the Team Salary of the Club making such provision. This paragraph does not apply to consideration paid to a player (or his affiliate) for nonfootball playing services, which are subject to Section 1(c)(ii) above.
- Compensation to players for participation in the off-season workout programs or classroom instruction sessions of a Club at the minimum amount set forth in Article XXXV shall be included in Team Salary on the first day of such program, calculated by multiplying: (i) the minimum amount set forth in Article XXXV, Section 3; (ii) the number of players scheduled to participate in such program at said minimum amount; (iii) the number of days per week scheduled for such program; and (iv) the number of weeks scheduled for such program. For example, without limitation upon any other example, a Club having a fourteen-week workout

program in the 2006 League Year for 60 players to be paid at the minimum amount will include \$369,600 in its Team Salary on the first day of such program (\$110 per day x four workout days per week x fourteen weeks x sixty players). At the conclusion of a club's off-season workout program, any such minimum amounts which are unearned and unpaid shall be subtracted from Salary and Team Salary.

- (7) If a Club provides one or more gifts to a player during the term of the player's Player Contract to commemorate the player's retirement, and the player has been under contract with the Club in three (3) or more seasons, the fair market value of such gifts up to \$15,000 shall not be counted as Salary, and any excess fair market value above \$15,000 shall be counted as Salary. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if the player has been under contract with the Club in less than three (3) seasons, the entire fair market value of any such gifts shall be counted as Salary.
- (v) **Annuities.** The cost to the Team of any annuity provided to any player (but not including any annuity provided pursuant to the player annuity program described in Article XLVIII-A), computed at the one-year Treasury Note rate on February 1 of the applicable League Year, shall be included immediately in Team Salary.

#### (f) Traded Contracts.

- (i) In the event that a Player Contract is assigned to another NFL Team, either by trade or pursuant to the NFL's waiver procedure, the assignee Team will count as part of its Team Salary only that portion of the player's Salary which remains unpaid and for which the Team may be obligated. The assignor Team will continue to count as part of its Team Salary only that portion of the player's Salary which has already been paid by the Team and/or any Salary for which the Team remains obligated.
- (ii) A Club is not required to have Room to execute a Player Contract with a player to whom the Club has exclusive negotiating rights if the player is assigned to another Club via a trade on the same business day as the execution of the contract, and the assignee Club has or makes Room for such Player Contract.
- (g) Mid-Season Contracts. In the event that a player enters into a Player Contract after the first scheduled game of the regular season, a Team will only count as part of Team Salary that portion of the player's Salary which it might actually pay or might be obligated to pay that season.

#### Section 8. 30% Rules:

- (a) No NFL Player Contract entered into in an Uncapped Year prior to the Final League Year may provide for an annual decrease in Salary, excluding any amount attributable to a signing bonus as defined in Section 7(b)(iv) above, of more than 30% of the Salary of the first League Year of the contract per year. This rule shall not apply in any Capped Year to any Player Contract that was signed in the 1993 League Year or earlier.
  - (b) No NFL Player Contract entered into in a Capped Year and ex-

tending into the Final League Year or beyond may provide for an annual increase in Salary, excluding any amount attributable to a signing bonus as defined in Section 7(b)(iv) above, of more than 30% of the Salary provided for in the Final Capped Year, per year, either in the Final League Year or in any subsequent League Year covered by the Player Contract. For example, without limitation on any other applicable example, a four-year Player Contract signed in the 2011 League Year, assuming that it is Capped, may not provide for an annual increase of more than 30% of the 2011 League Year Salary, excluding amounts treated as a signing bonus, in any of the three (3) additional League Years covered by the Contract.

- Any amount which a Club may pay to a player to buy out a right the player has or may have to terminate one or more contract years shall be treated as signing bonus at the time the buyout is exercised by the Club, and prorated at that time over the remaining term of the contract, including the current League Year, if the right to terminate and/or the right to buyout is based upon one or more incentives that are not "likely to be earned." Such a buyout amount shall not be included in any calculation for purposes of the 30% Rule, set forth above. (The parties acknowledge a disagreement as to the treatment of allocated signing bonus and buyout payments when a player's right to terminate one or more contract years and/or the Club's right to buyout is based upon one or more incentives that are "likely to be earned," and not upon any incentives that are not "likely to be earned." These issues are expressly left open. Except to enforce the terms of this Subsection (c), the terms of this Subsection may not be referred to or used by any of the parties in any proceeding, or otherwise, and the parties otherwise reserve all their rights with respect to the subject of this parenthetical.).
- (d) Any amount specified to be paid for the exercise of an option by a Club to extend the term of a Player Contract shall be treated as signing bonus, prorated over the remaining term of the contract commencing in the League Year in which it is exercised or the last League Year in which the option may be exercised, whichever comes first. Such an option amount shall, immediately upon execution of the contract, renegotiation or extension, be included in any calculation for purposes of the 30% Rule, set forth above, prorated over the remaining term of the contract commencing in the last League Year in which the option may be exercised. Notwithstanding the foregoing: (i) if a Club renounces its right to exercise the option, the option amount shall not be included in Team Salary as of the date of such renunciation; and (ii) if the club does not renounce, but nonetheless does not exercise the option, the full amount of the option amount previously counted against Team Salary shall be credited to the Club's Salary Cap in the next League Year.

#### Section 9. Renegotiations and Extensions:

(a) Provided that all Salary Cap requirements are met, Player Con-

tracts for current and future years may be renegotiated and/or extended except as follows:

- (i) The contract of a Veteran Player may not be renegotiated to increase the Salary to be paid to the player during the original terms of the contract for a period of twelve (12) months after the player's most recent contract renegotiation. The first renegotiation of a Veteran Player Contract, however, may take place at any time.
- (ii) No Team and player may agree to renegotiate any term of a previously signed Player Contract for a prior League Year.
- (iii) No contract renegotiations may be done for a current season after the last regular season game of that season.
- (iv) A Player Contract signed by a Rookie may not be renegotiated except as provided in Article XVII (Entering Player Pool), Section 4(i).
  - (v) As provided in Article XXI (Final Eight Plan), Sections 3 and 4.
- (b) No Player Contract, and no contract renegotiation or extension, may be agreed to between a Player and a Club for any term that expires prior to the last day of a League Year. All rights by a player to terminate a Player Contract must be exercised prior to the first day of any League Year to be terminated.
- (c) Any agreement to compensate a player at the minimum amount set forth in Article XXXV for participation in an off-season workout program or classroom instruction shall not be treated as a renegotiation of a Player Contract. Any agreement to compensate a player for such participation above such amount shall be treated as a renegotiation. All such agreements shall be set forth in writing and promptly filed with the League Office.
- (d) Any salary deferral agreed to by club and player which does not affect the player's Salary for purpose of the Salary Cap and Entering Player Pool shall not be treated as a renegotiation.
- (e) An amendment to a Player Contract that changes the terms under which Signing Bonus is paid is a renegotiation.

#### Section 10. Accounting Procedures:

#### (a) Special Purpose Letters and TR Reporting.

(i)(A) As provided below, each League Year the parties will be provided with one or more "Special Purpose Letters" by an independent accounting firm (hereinafter "the Accountants") which report the Total Revenues, Team Salary, Cash Player Costs, Player Costs and Benefits of each Club and the NFL for that League Year, utilizing information reported by independent Club and League accounting firms, and information obtained by the Accountants through its review procedures. The Accountants shall be a nationally recognized accounting firm jointly appointed by the NFL and the NFLPA. The parties agree to share equally the cost of the Accountants. The Reporting Package to be used by the Clubs and the League in providing information to the Accountants ("Revenue Reports") in each of the NFL playing seasons covered by this Agreement shall be agreed to by the parties. The

basic review procedures to be performed by the Accountants are set forth in Appendix H hereto, and may be modified and/or supplemented by mutual agreement of the parties. The engagement of the Accountants shall be deemed to be renewed annually unless the Accountants are discharged by either party during the period from May 1 to July 1 of that year. Each Special Purpose Letter shall be based upon the best available information at the time of its issuance, and shall include a report of adjustments and new information obtained with respect to amounts previously reported for prior League Years.

- (B) The amount of any Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary that may apply in a League Year shall be determined at the times and utilizing the Special Purpose Letters and other information described in Section 10(e) below, subject to adjustments at the times and in the manners described in Subsections (ii) and (iii) of this Section 10(a).
- Subject to Subsection 10(a)(iii) below, in the event than any error is found in (1) DGR, EDGR, or Player Costs in respect of the 2005 League Year or any earlier League Year; or (2) in Total Revenues or Player Costs in respect of any League Year subsequent to the 2005 League Year, which, if it had not occurred, would have resulted in any increase or decrease in any Salary Cap in one or more prior League Years, the total amount of any such Salary Cap shortfall or overage, as the case may be, shall be added or subtracted, as the case may be, the next time the Salary Cap is calculated. An inaccuracy in an estimate that was made in a prior League Year shall not be considered an error for purposes of this Subsection, and such estimates shall be reconciled by the Accountants each League Year. In the event that an inaccuracy in an estimate is not reconciled, the failure to do so shall be considered an error for purposes of this Subsection. Any individual errors proposed for correction pursuant to this Subsection that are greater than \$25,000 must be substantiated by evidence and be reviewed with the Management Council, the NFLPA, and the Accountants prior to the correction being made. Any dispute regarding such corrections shall be subject to the procedures that apply under Subsections 10(a)(ix)-(x) below.
- To the extent that the amounts and information set forth in a Special Purpose Letter indicate that the amount of any Salary Cap and/or Minimum Team Salary in any prior League Year should have been different from the amount actually utilized, any such difference in the Salary Cap and/or Minimum Team Salary shall be credited or deducted, as the case may be, to the next Salary Cap and/or Minimum Team Salary to be set, with interest (using the one-year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of each applicable League Year) (but subject in any case to Section 4(b)(i) above), or may be utilized for the Player Annuity Program described in Article XLVIII-A (Player Annuity Program), if specified by the NFLPA. In the case of any updated Special Purpose Letter issued in the Final Capped Year, such adjustment shall be immediate.
  - The Accountants shall review the reasonableness of any esti-

mates of revenues or expenses included in any Club's Revenue Reports in the League Years covered by this Agreement and may make such adjustments in such estimates as they deem appropriate. To the extent that the actual amounts of revenues received or expenses incurred differ from such estimates, adjustments shall be made as provided in Section 10(a)(ii) above.

- (v) With respect to expenses deducted by the NFL or the Clubs from television, cable and radio broadcast revenues or any other revenues, the NFL and the Clubs shall report in the Revenue Reports only those expenses that are reasonable and customary in accordance with the provisions of Section 1(a)(i) above. All categories of expenses deducted from such revenues by the NFL or a Club in a Revenue Report completed by the NFL or that Club shall be reviewed by the Accountants, who shall determine whether they are reasonable and customary.
- (vi) The Accountants shall receive, in connection with their duties: (1) access to and copies of the local accountant workpapers with respect to the Schedule described in Appendix H; and (2) access to the financial audit workpapers of the local accountants or League Office (to the extent necessary), provided that any information derived from the access described in this clause (2) will be held in confidence and will not be part of any file subject to NFLPA review.
- The NFL will use its best efforts to ensure that any contract between the League, any Club, or any Club Affiliate, and any third party in connection with the sale or marketing of any source of TR shall include terms that provide to the Accountants and the NFLPA access to any and all financial and contractual information and documents in the possession, custody, or control of such third party to which the Club, Club Affiliate, or any other entity controlled by the owner of the Club has any right to any access, relating to such revenue source or any other financial or contractual relationship or transaction between such third party and the League, the Club involved in the sale or marketing of such revenue source, any Affiliate of that Club, or any of that Club's owners. In each case such access shall be subject to and limited by the rules set forth in this Agreement or otherwise agreed to by the parties regarding the dissemination of information provided to the Accountants and the NFLPA pursuant to the audit process. If the NFL, despite its best efforts, cannot ensure such access, the NFLPA shall have the right to obtain an order against the Club or Club Affiliate from a court or the Special Master requiring that such access be allowed.
- (viii) Reasonably prior to the issuance of a Special Purpose Letter, the Accountants shall, as set forth in Appendix H attached hereto, notify designated representatives of the NFL and the NFLPA: (1) if the Accountants have any questions concerning the amounts of revenues or expenses reported by the Clubs or any other information contained in the Revenue Reports submitted by the Clubs; and (2) if the Accountants propose that any adjustments be made to any revenue or expense item or any other infor-

mation contained in the Revenue Reports submitted by the Clubs.

- In the event of any dispute concerning the amounts (as opposed to includability or the interpretation, validity or application of this Agreement) of any revenues, expenses, or Player Costs to be included in the Revenue Reports, including any dispute concerning any findings or determinations concerning expenses made by the Accountants pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (iv) or Subsection (v), that cannot be resolved among the parties (hereinafter referred to as "Disputed Adjustments"), such dispute shall be resolved by the Accountants after consulting and meeting with representatives of both parties.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party shall have the right to contest, by commencing a Special Master Proceeding pursuant to this Agreement, any Disputed Adjustments made by the Accountants, whenever such Disputed Adjustments for all Clubs are adverse to the party commencing the proceeding in an aggregate amount of \$5 million or more in any League Year covered by this Agreement. If the Disputed Adjustments for all Clubs are adverse to the party commencing the proceeding in an aggregate amount of \$5 million or more but less than \$10 million, the parties agree that: (1) the hearing will take place on an expedited basis and will not last longer than one full day, provided, however, that if, despite the reasonable efforts of the parties, the hearing cannot be completed in one day, the hearing shall continue, unless the parties otherwise agree, day-to-day until concluded; and (2) if the party that brings the proceeding does not substantially prevail after the hearing, then that party shall pay the reasonable costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, of the other party for its defense of the proceeding. The immediately preceding sentence shall have no application to Special Master Proceedings in which the Disputed Adjustments for all Clubs adverse to the party bringing the proceeding equal or exceed \$10 million. All other disputes among the parties as to the interpretation, validity, or application of this Agreement, or with respect to any Salary or Benefits amount included in a Revenue Report, shall be resolved by the Special Master appointed by the Court pursuant to this Agreement, as set forth in Article XXVI (Special Master).
- After receiving a Special Purpose Letter, the NFLPA shall have the right, upon reasonable notice and at its own expense, to conduct an audit of the League and any of its Clubs to further verify the accuracy of the information in such Special Purpose Letter. Bennett Hutt & Co. or another auditing firm replacing Bennett Hutt & Co. (subject to notification to and approval by the NFLMC, not to be unreasonably withheld, of such replacement for Bennett Hutt & Co.) (Bennett Hutt & Co. or such replacement firm hereinafter being referred to as the "NFLPA Auditor") may copy documents it reviews in the course of its audits and maintain copies of documents reviewed in its office. Other than as set forth in this Subsection, the NFLPA Auditor may not show any such copies to anyone other than its partners, employees, and agents. The documentation made available and

the information contained therein shall be held in strict confidence and may be discussed only with individuals authorized in this Subsection, or as jointly authorized by the NFL Management Council and the NFLPA. The NFLPA Auditor may prepare one or more written or oral reports for the use of the NFLPA in connection with this Agreement, which may refer to and discuss the contents of documents reviewed, but which may not include copies of any such documents. Any such report shall not be referred to or distributed to anyone outside of the NFLPA or the NFLPA Auditor for any other purpose. If the NFLPA determines in the exercise of its judgment that matters discussed in the NFLPA Auditor's report may indicate a violation of this Agreement, then the NFLPA Auditor may show a copy of such documents that it considers in the exercise of its judgment to be relevant to such potential violation to counsel for the NFLPA (who as of the date hereof are also serving as Class Counsel), the Executive Director and General Counsel of the NFLPA, up to three (3) NFLPA staff personnel (whose authority to receive such information shall be disclosed in advance to the NFLMC) and up to three (3) members of the NFLPA Executive Committee (whose authority to receive such information shall be disclosed in advance to the NFL Management Council). In addition, a copy of such documents may be presented to the Special Master and/or a court in any proceeding to enforce this Agreement. At least four (4) business days prior to commencing any such proceeding based upon such documents, the NFLPA will advise the NFL Management Council of the alleged violation upon which the proceeding would be based; the parties shall stipulate to reasonable protective order terms and conditions to protect the confidentiality of such information. Except in connection with a proceeding as described in the preceding sentence, the NFLPA, its representatives and agents shall not refer to or distribute such copies to anyone outside of their organizations for any other purpose.

### (b) Projected Total Revenues

(i) For purposes of computing the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary to be applied in an upcoming League Year in accordance with Sections 4-5, and 10(a) above and Section 10(e) below, and for any other purpose specifically stated in this Agreement, Total Revenues for the applicable League Year(s) shall be projected ("Projected Total Revenues") utilizing one or more agreed-upon methods for the projection process so that the anticipated growth of Projected TR (based upon factors such as anticipated new stadiums, expansion Clubs, and revenue provisions in the NFL's television and other contracts) over the course of League Years which are anticipated to be Capped Years shall be as accurate as practicable, subject to any agreement between the parties to allocate TR over particular League Years pursuant to Section 1(a)(xii) above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any difference between Projected TR and TR for a prior League Year shall be credited or deducted, as the case may be, in the calculation of the next Salary Cap and/or Minimum Team Salary to be set using the method set forth in Sec-

tions 10(b)(ii) and (iii) below, subject in any case to Section 4(b)(i) above. In the Final Capped Year, all such differences and other adjustments from prior League Years shall be made first in the initial calculation of the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary, and then shall be updated, with any other differences and adjustments discovered or agreed to subsequent to the initial calculation of the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary (a) on or before the third day prior to the beginning of the Final Capped Year, if and only if the Final Capped Year is determined on the basis of an election by either the NFL Management Council or the NFLPA to terminate one or more Capped Years hereunder, and (b) in all cases, on or before May 1 in such Final Capped Year. Moreover, if one or more League-wide television or local television and radio contracts are in effect for the League Year in respect of which the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are being calculated, the actual revenues expected from such source under such contract shall be used in the determination of Projected TR, unless another allocation has been or is agreed to by the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else in this Agreement, if, after the initial calculation of the Salary Cap, Minimum Team Salary, and Projected TR for a League Year, a new Leaguewide television contract is entered into for that League Year, such amounts shall be substituted for the amount for League-wide television revenues previously included in Projected TR, and the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary calculated for that League Year shall immediately be adjusted accordingly. In addition, if one or more new Clubs are scheduled to be added to the NFL during the next League Year as one or more expansion Clubs, Projected TR will include an additional projection of TR determined in a manner agreed to by the parties. In addition, if, after the initial calculation of Projected TR for a League Year, the number of scheduled regular season games per Club is increased above the standard of sixteen (16), Projected TR will include an additional projection of TR to account for such additional games as agreed upon by the NFLPA and the Management Council.

- (ii) In the event that actual Total Revenues for any League Year are less than Projected TR (as calculated in accordance with Section 10(b)(i) above) for that League Year, then the difference shall be deducted from Projected Total Revenues for the next League Year as to which the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are being calculated, with interest (using the one-year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of the year in which such calculation is being made).
- In the event that actual Total Revenues for any League Year exceeded Projected TR (as calculated in accordance with Section 10(b)(i) above) for that League Year, then the amount of such deficiency shall be added to Projected Total Revenues for the next League Year as to which the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are being calculated, with interest (using the one-year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of the year in which such calculation is being made), ex-